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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

In Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Approval of Residential Energy Efficient Appliances and Devices Program **Docket No. 2022-41-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On behalf of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, please find enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket a Letter in Support of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Application for Approval of its Residential Energy Efficient Appliances and Devices Program. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

<u>s/Emma Clancy</u>

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Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Coastal Conservation League ("CCL) and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy ("SACE") submit this letter in support of Duke Energy Progress, LLC's ("DEP" or "Company") proposed Residential Energy Efficient Appliances and Devices Program ("Program"), which the Company seeks to include in its portfolio of energy efficiency and demand-side management ("EE/DSM") programs. CCL and SACE expect the Program to facilitate adoption and improve the affordability of high efficiency devices and appliances for DEP's residential customers, providing significant bill savings and reducing costs across the Company's service territory.

DEP proposes to replace its existing Residential Save Energy and Water Kit Program ("SEWK Program") with the Program and to incorporate the Program into DEP's broader EE/DSM portfolio. Under the existing SEWK Program, which would terminate if the new Program is approved, the Company offers incentives for devices such as low flow showerheads, bathroom and kitchen faucet aerators, and pipe wrap tape to reduce water consumption and electric hot water usage. The new Program will encompass an even wider array of energy efficient equipment, such as ceiling fans, dehumidifiers, air purifiers and smart thermostats, and will also offer incentives at the point of purchase, improving the affordability of those devices for customers that may not be able to afford the upfront cost of the devices otherwise.

To date, Duke Energy's EE/DSM programs have saved its customers billions of dollars. Those programs are a win-win, providing customers with much-needed immediate bill relief while also helping the Company avoid costly capital investments that further drive up customer costs. We expect this Program to continue that trend. Its positive Utility Cost Test score of 1.22 indicates that the Program will generate savings that significantly exceed its costs. Moreover, this Program 1) builds on the existing SEWK Program which has proven to be cost-effective and 2) is modeled on a program that DEP's affiliate, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, has already implemented successfully.

For all these reasons, we recommend the Commission approve the Program. Thank you for considering these comments in support of the Company's Application.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the parties listed below have been served via first class U.S. Mail or electronic mail with a copy of the *Letter in Support of Duke Energy Progress*, *LLC's Application for Approval of its Residential Energy Efficient Appliances and Devices Program*, filed on behalf of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League and Southern Alliance for Clean Energy in Docket No. 2022-41-E.

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